CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The connector defined in claim [[2]] 8 wherein the intermediate body is displaceable axially between a position spaced axially from the front body and not radially compressing the parts and a position bearing on the front body and radially compressing the parts toward one another.

4. (currently amended) The connector defined in claim [[2]] 8, further comprising

a sleeve coaxially surrounding the bodies and axially coupled thereto.

5. (currently amended) The connector defined in claim [[2]] 8, wherein the sleeve is conductive and the wire is surrounded by ~~cable has~~ a conductive shielding ~~surrounding the wire~~, the connector further comprising

an electrically conductive element in the sleeve radially pressing on the shielding and in electrical contact with the sleeve.

6. (original) The connector defined in claim 5 wherein the electrically conductive element is an iris spring.

7. (canceled)

8. (currently amended) ~~The connector defined in claim 7 wherein~~ A connector comprising:

a front insulating body;

a contact fixed in the front body and having rear-end parts forming an axially open seat adapted to receive a conductor of a stripped wire and radially displaceable toward each other;

an intermediate body formed with an axially tapered passage fitting over the rear-end parts and axially displaceable to displace the rear-end parts radially toward one another and radially compress the rear-end parts toward each other to grip the conductor; and

a rear body formed with an axially throughgoing passage and fittable with the intermediate body with its passage aligned with the intermediate-body passage, the rear-body passage [[has]] having a front end of a relatively small diameter corresponding generally to a diameter of the conductor and a rear end of a relatively large diameter corresponding generally to a diameter of the insulation.

9. (original) The connector defined in claim 8, further comprising

a sleeve coaxially surrounding the bodies and axially coupled thereto.

10. (original) The connector defined in claim 9 wherein the sleeve and one of the bodies have formations rotationally coupling them together.

11. (currently amended) ~~The connector defined in claim 7 wherein~~ A connector comprising:

a front insulating body;

a contact fixed in the front body and having rear-end parts forming an axially open seat adapted to receive a conductor of a stripped wire and radially displaceable toward each other;

an intermediate body formed with an axially tapered passage fitting over the rear-end parts and axially displaceable to displace the rear-end parts radially toward one another and radially compress the rear-end parts toward each other to grip the conductor; and

a rear body formed with an axially throughgoing passage and fittable with the intermediate body with its passage aligned with the intermediate-body passage, the front body [[has]] having axially rearwardly projecting fingers extending through the intermediate body and fitting with the rear body.

12. (original) The connector defined in claim 11 wherein the intermediate body is displaceable axially between a rear position spaced axially from the front body and not radially compressing the parts and a front position bearing on the front body and radially compressing the parts toward one another, the fingers being snap fitted with the rear body in the front position and locking the bodies against relative axial displacement.

13. (currently amended) ~~The connector defined in claim 2 wherein~~ A connector comprising:

a front insulating body;

a contact fixed in the front body and having rear-end parts forming an axially open seat adapted to receive a conductor of a stripped wire and radially displaceable toward each other;

an intermediate body formed with an axially tapered passage fitting over the rear-end parts and axially displaceable to displace the rear-end parts radially toward one another and radially compress the rear-end parts toward each other to grip the conductor; and

a rear body formed with an axially throughgoing passage and fittable with the intermediate body with its passage aligned with the intermediate-body passage, the contact ~~parts are~~ having a plurality of angularly spaced and rearwardly projecting elastic tongues each having a central radially outwardly projecting ridge engageable with an inside surface of the ~~middle-body~~ intermediate-body passage.

14. (original) The connector defined in claim 13 wherein the contact has at least three of the tongues angularly equispaced about the seat.